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CASE 3 :

春 (50～54)

男女両方の器官を持って生まれた「IS」(インターセクシャル)の春。
志向は男子、なのに身体は女性化が進行中。夢は、ISについて知ってもらい、ISのまま生きてゆくのが自然になること。
伊吹との"同じ制服の恋"は、学園祭でも興味の的になり、春へのいじめが拡大する。それでも変わらぬ恋心を持ち続けてくれる伊吹。より密接になっていく二人に、伊吹の父が最終通告を。性別を越えた愛は、障害をも越えられる……!?

確率として2000人に1人といわれるISを、恋とリアルな感情で綴る感涙作!

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人物紹介

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Ibuki Kenji
Haru's first love. When he first found out that Haru was intersex, he put some distance between them, but eventually learned to see past "male" and "female" and

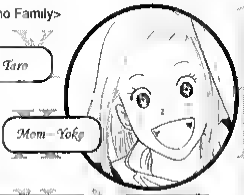
Hoshino Haru
An intersex person born with both male and female sex organs. He identifies as male but his body is becoming progressively more female. Still in high school, he has the support of his family and wishes to live as intersex.

<Haru's Friends>

Daimon Kazuichi
An outsider with no dreams and very little motivation. Currently in a relationship with a single mother

<Hoshino Family>

Dad: Taro



Mom: Yoko

Natsu (older twin)

Aki (younger twin)

Fuyu (Haru's little brother)

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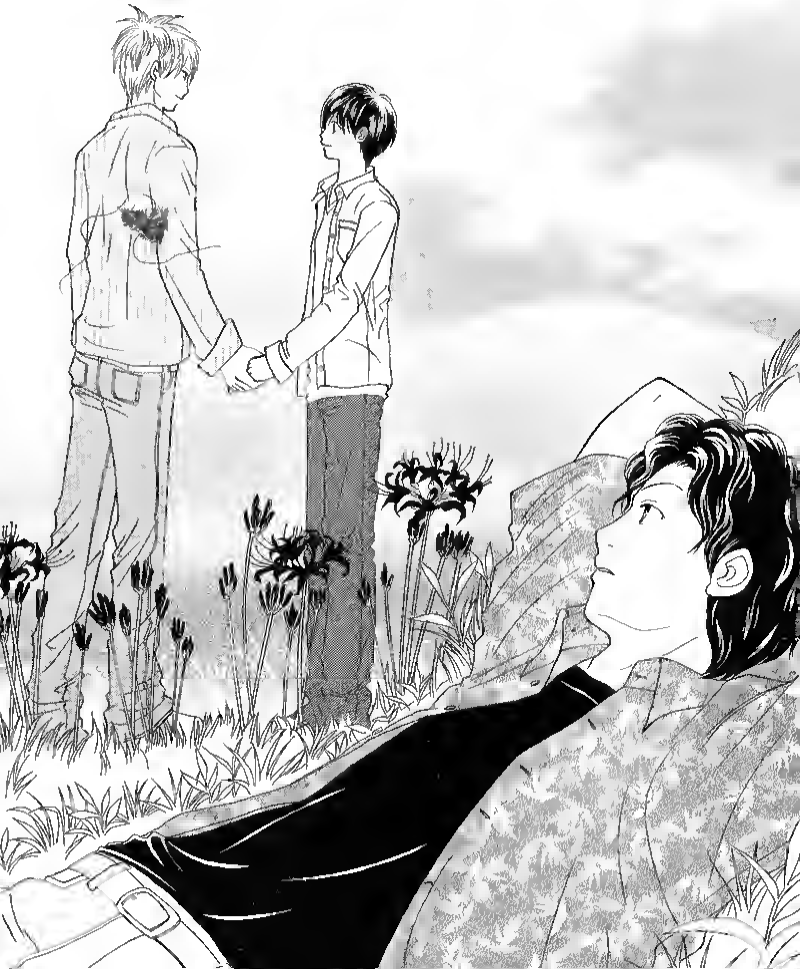
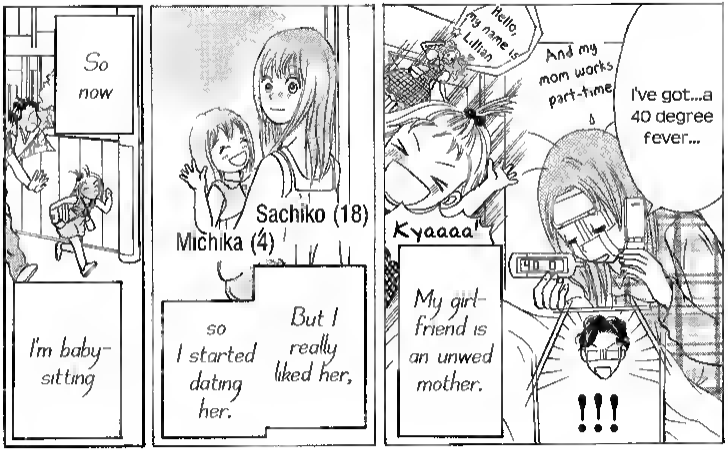
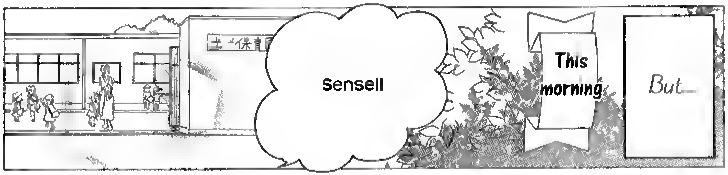


...I've made a mistake...
What're you doing?
ガリゴリ
ガリ
Gonna have a race!!
.....
Mi...
ビュン
Huh...?
Daimon-kun, ready go!

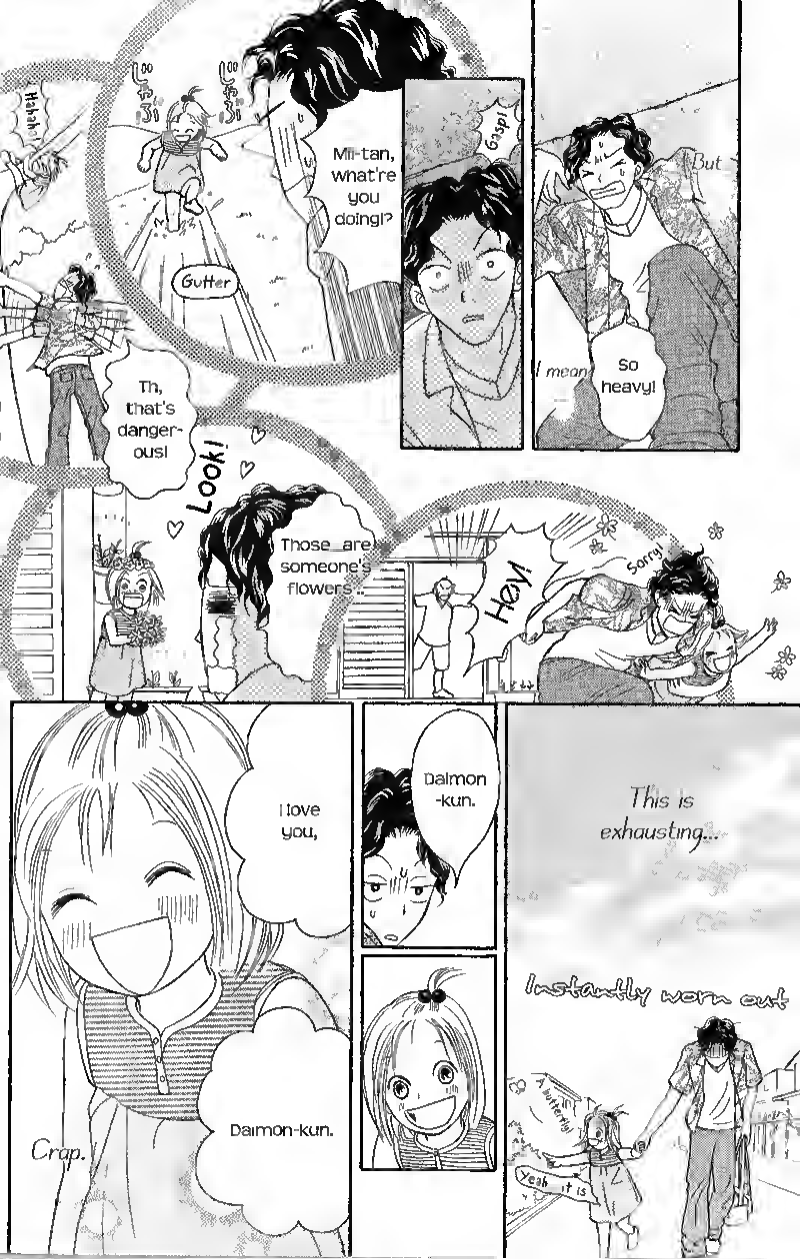
But is this really how I want my life to go!?
Damn it!
I can't believe I only just now realized.
Mii-tan!?
I can't see her!
Yeah, I'm fine.
Wheeeee!
cough
Thank goodness for that...
Mii tan sure sounds... energetic.
It started yesterday.
cough
cough
cough
Are you OK?


So now
I'm baby-sitting
Sachiko (18)
Michika (4)
But I really liked her,
so I started dating her.
Hello, my name is Lillian
And my mom works part-time
I've got...a 40 degree fever...
Kyaaaa!
My girl-friend is an unwed mother.
!!!


Sensei!
This morning,
But...

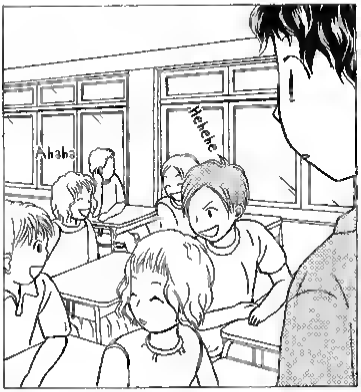
He's Mommy's boy-friend!!
And Mii-tan's...
Morning!
Look! Look! It's Oaimon-kun!!

New daddy!
Da...ddy...
Daddy?
If I keep dating her mom, someday I'll be her dad
She's right
Ooh!
W, well, but Mii tan is cute
A dad at 17
Daddy
ズゥウウン
ズゥウ…ン


Hehe~
しゅぶ
しゅぶ
Mii-tan, what're you doing!?
Gasp!
But
I mean
So heavy!
Gutter
Th, that's danger-ous!
Look!
Those are someone's flowers..
Hey!
Sorry!
I love you,
Daimon -kun.
Crap.
Daimon-kun.
This is exhausting...
Instantly worn out
A butterfly!
Yeah it is

is something I'm really horrible at!
This sort of bonding
This isn't good
.....
She's really getting attached to me...
because of my dad's job
moved a lot
My name's Daimon Kazuichi
My family
Um...

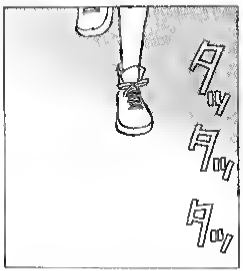
I like card games, too.
Daimon.
Daimon.
So as soon as I made friends, we'd have to move again
I'll write to you!
I finally started to learn
After so many hellos and goodbyes,
You can have my rarest card!!


Ahaha
Hehehe

My name's Daimon Kazuichi.

I like card games!!

We're not into that anymore.
Loser!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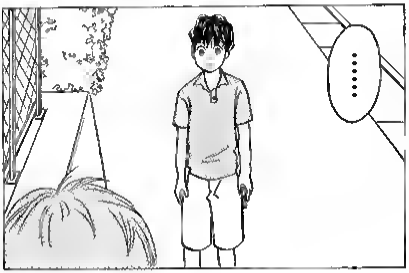
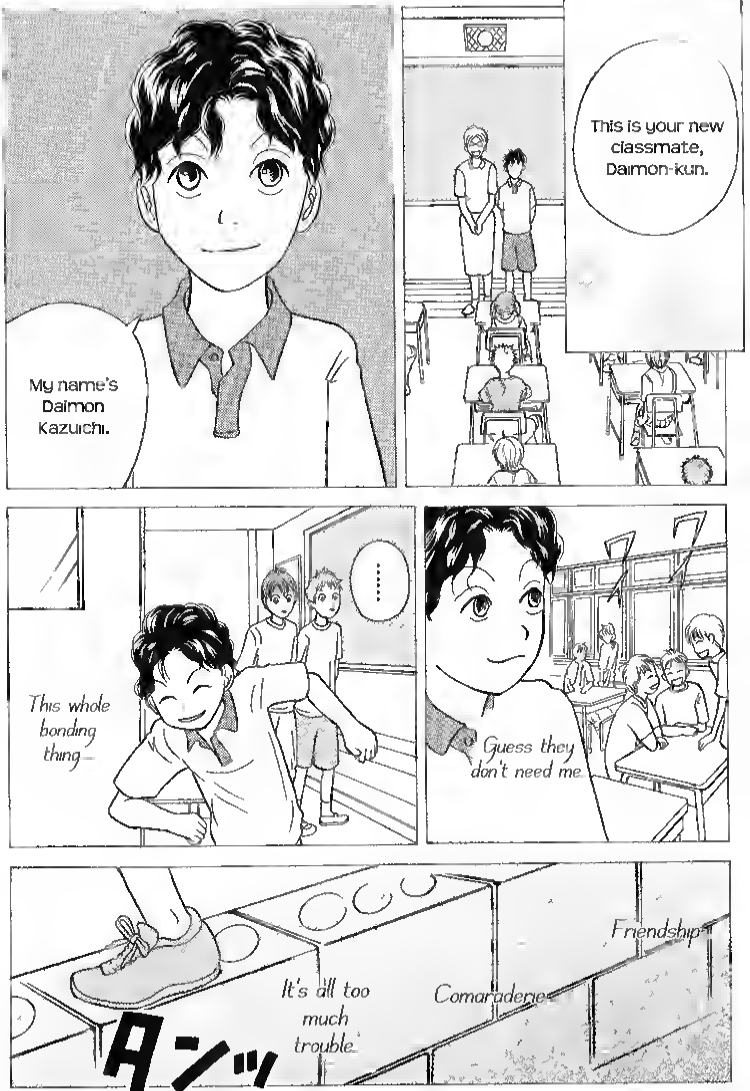
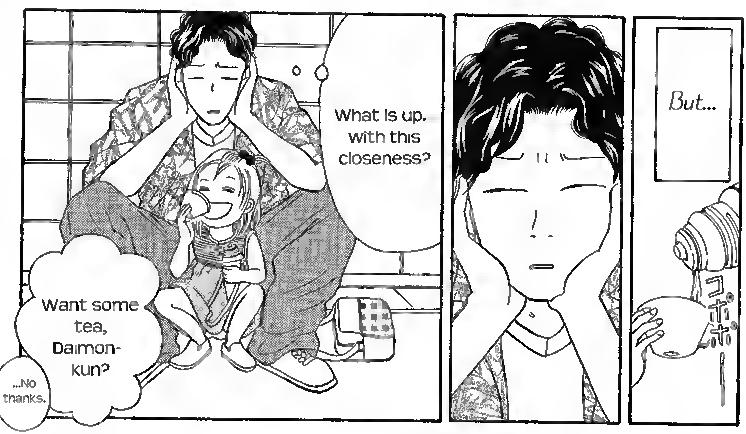
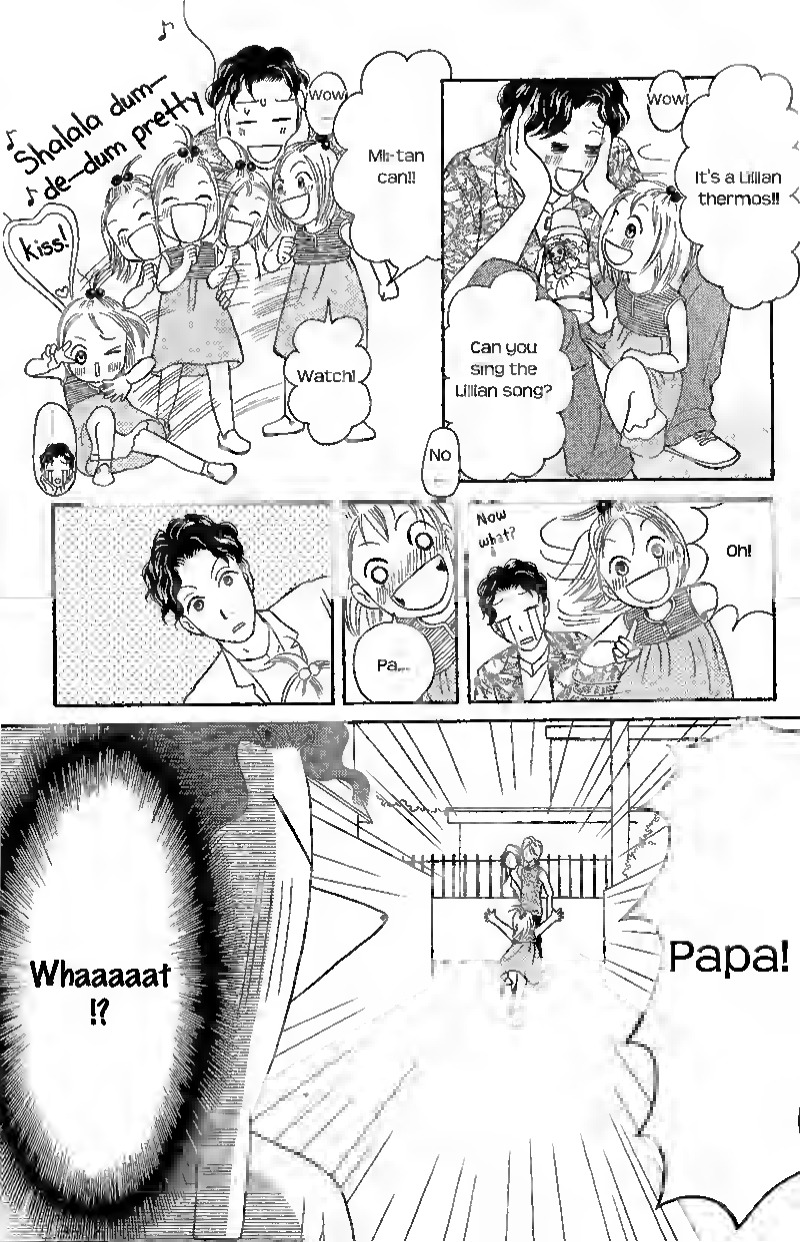

……

I bought a Gameboy, too!
Pon!
It's the new boy!
Wait-
ビシャッ
I learned how hard it is to make friends.
And how fragile friendship is...
ヤッチャ
.....
Oh yeah!
I'll write to you!


My name's Daimon Kazuichi.
This is your new classmate, Daimon-kun.
.....
This whole bonding thing—
Guess they don't need me.
Friendship
Comradeship
It's all too much trouble.
タンッ

"I'm free!"
タッ
I wasn't bound by anything
"Daimon's kinda weird."
Once I realized that, it was actually pretty fun.

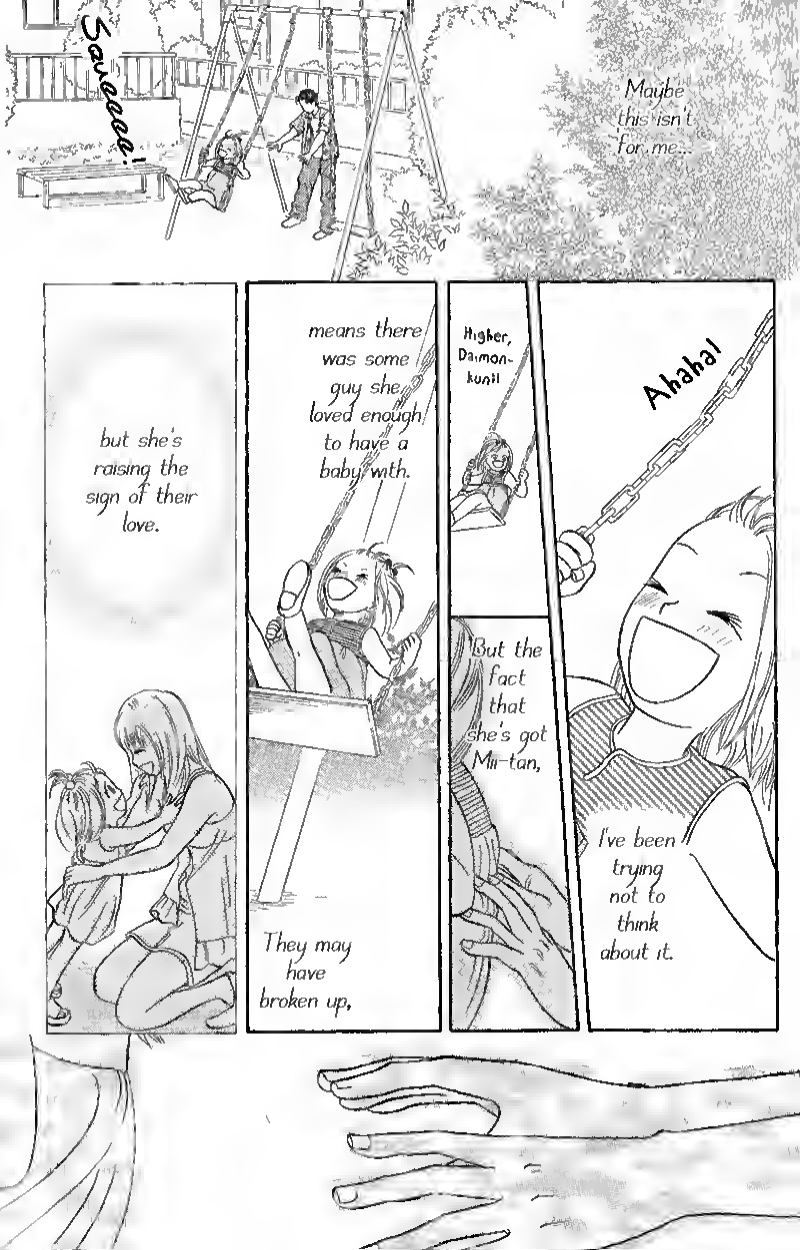

What is up with this closeness?
Want some tea, Daimon-kun?
...No thanks.
But...
ゴホ・ゴホ


♪ Shalala dum–de–dum pretty
Kiss!
Watch!
Wow!
Mi-tan can!!
Wow!
It's a Lillian thermos!!
Can you sing the Lillian song?
No
Pa...
Now what?
Oh!
Whaaaaat !?
Papa!

Papa!
Whoa!
Eek! What's going on!?
I'm only 14!!
Jeez
You...
got the wrong guy.
Is that really your papa!?
Of course not!
I...
I'm...

But...
Mama said Mil-tan's papa ..
is a tall man with red hair...
くぅん

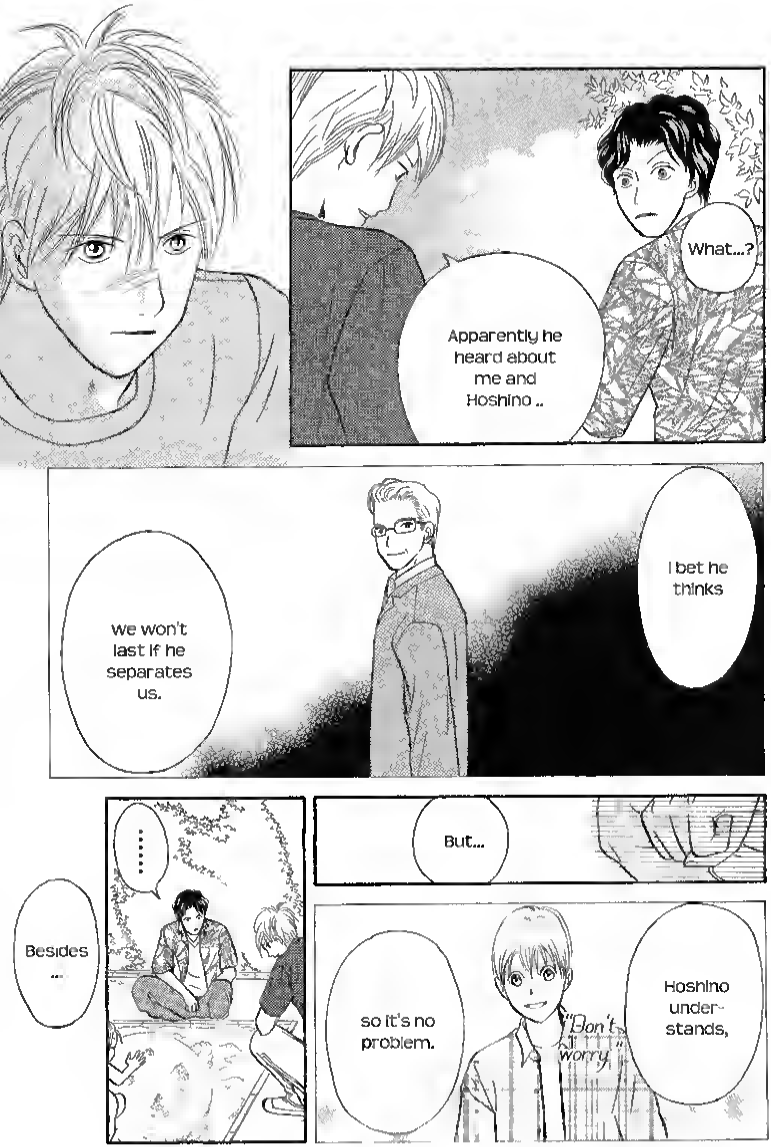
Come on!
Well..
that definitely was a tall, red-haired guy.
カリリ
グォーン
Eek!
Let's go to the park!!
OK!
Yeah...


Saaaaa!
Maybe this isn't for me...
Ahaha!
Higher, Daimon-kun!!
But the fact that she's got Mii-tan,
I've been trying not to think about it.
means there was some guy she loved enough to have a baby with.
They may have broken up,
but she's raising the sign of their love.

While our wounds
will still be shallow.
Maybe it's time to say goodbye.
Better to do it sooner than later.
Sorry.
I'll be OK.

Hey.
Done with your date?
I've got cram school and tutoring.
?

Thanks
Here
I thought you were gonna study disability services or something...
My dad put his foot down.
If I don't
go to the school of his choosing,
he'll stop supporting my mom and sister...
.....
Sign. Arbitration
So first
I have to study
and go to college for 4 years
In Tokyo.


What...?
Apparently he heard about me and Hoshino ..
I bet he thinks
we won't last if he separates us.
But...
Hoshino understands,
"Don't worry."
so it's no problem.
.....
Besides ...

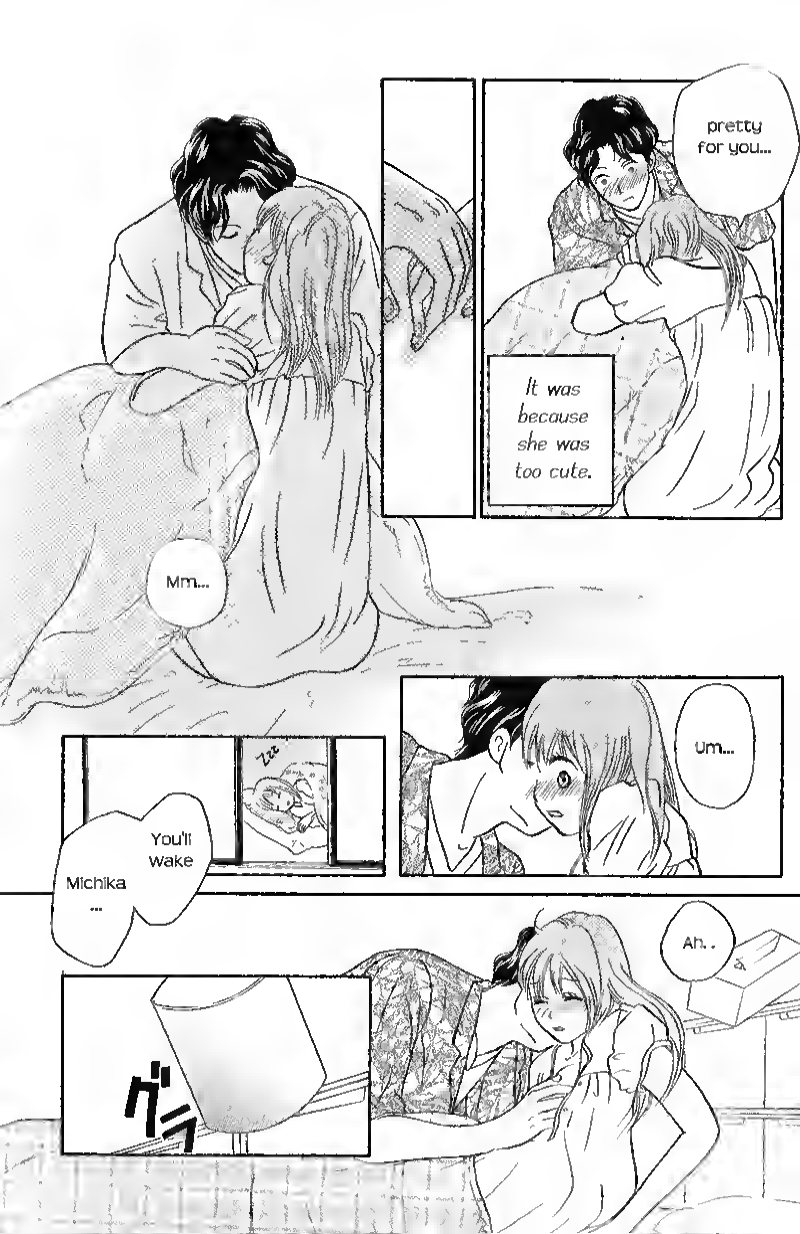
It may sound weird,
but I actually feel good about it.
I have my dream
of being with Hoshino someday,
and I've got to support my mom and sister...
I...
used to always worry
about not being "normal".
But now...

so I can do what I want.
and get stronger
I've gotta grow up
Now's the time to build up
for when my chance comes along.
my strength
I'm happy.
It's tough, but I feel good about it.

I guess it's 'cause I can relax around him.
Well...
Why...?
Why is Hoshino so important?
and there's stuff he can't do.
I suck,
Neither of us is perfect.
So I guess that's why I want to be with him.
"I...have a daughter."
"I didn't expect you to go out with me."
"Don't worry about it, OK?"

You've gotta treasure them.
I was free
It's not easy
to find someone like that.
and I'd even stopped dreaming.
but then I realized
and nothing I wanted to do
had no friends
and nothing troubled me,
"Dreams..."

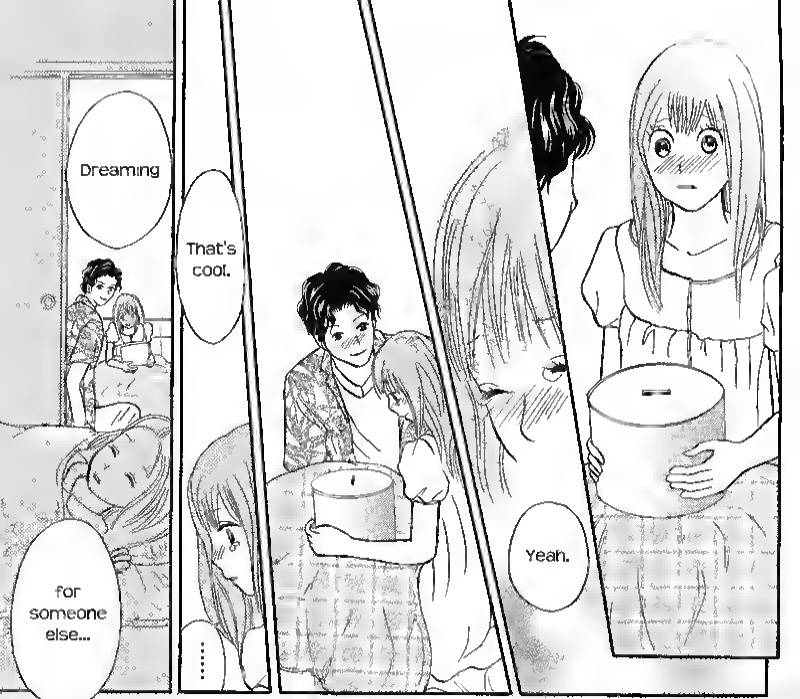
it wasn't because of Ibuki
In the end
that I didn't break up with her...
Sorry for all the trou-ble.
Huh?
You're sick. How come you're wearing make up?
'c, cause...
I want to be


pretty for you...
It was because she was too cute.
Mm...
Um...
Zzz
You'll wake
Michika ...
Ah..
グラ

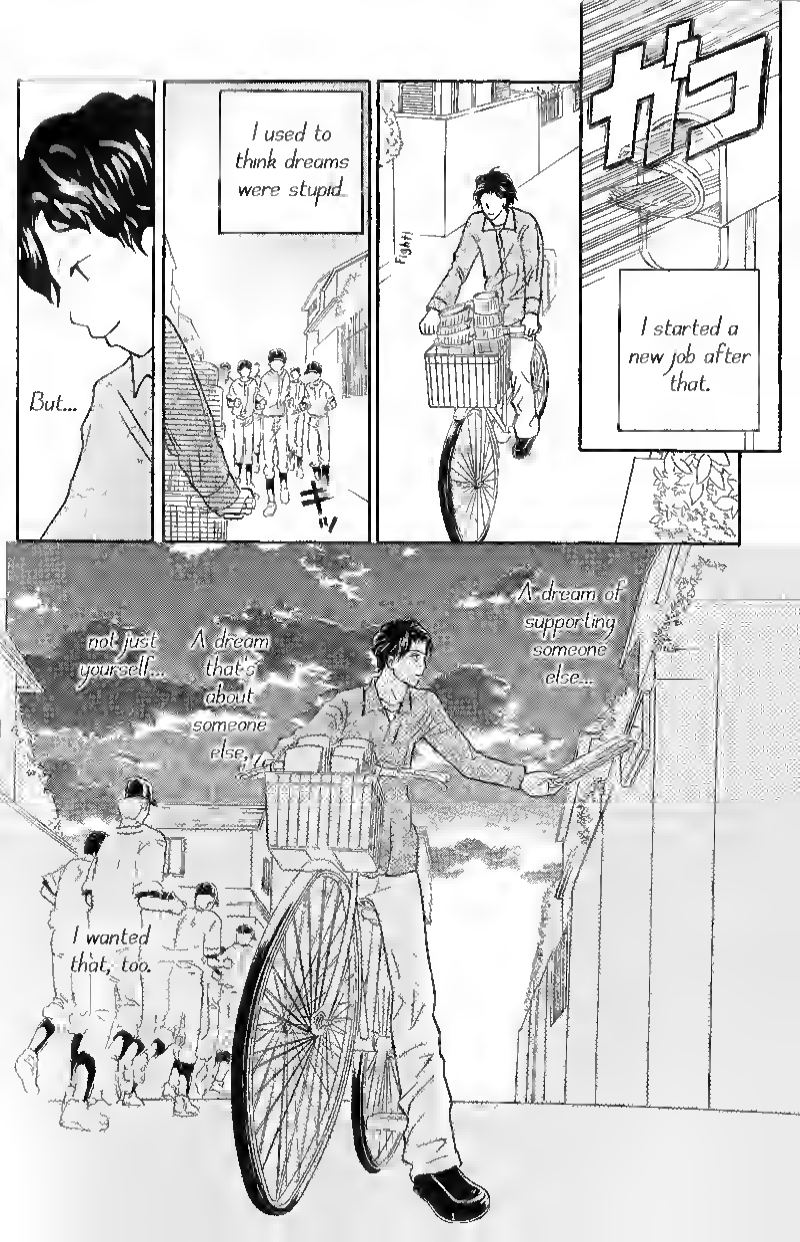
100円
A million ...
yen?
10
ZZZ...
ガラガラガラドン
If you fill this with 500 yen pieces, it'll be a million yen.
10
It's for
Michika's tuition...

Sign Graduation
I want her...
to be free
卒業式
we have no money so she has to work.
I mean... I don't want to have to tell her
to dream
the way I wasn't.
It's not like I regret it
But...
He said we'd make her happy...
to-gether
.....

S, sorry..
for talking about him.
Sorry
Your dream
is to make Mi-tan happy.


Dreaming
for someone else...
That's cool.
.....
Yeah.

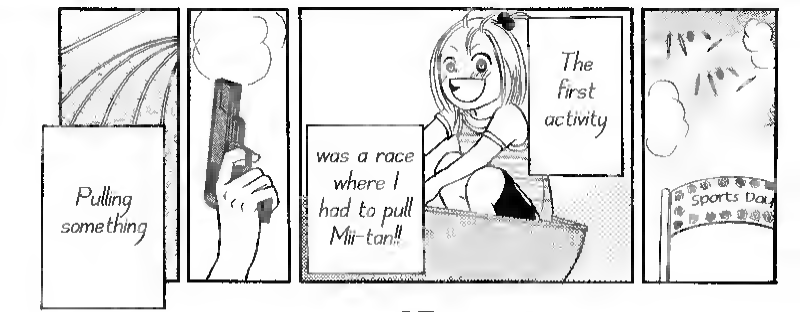
is a wonderful thing.


But...
I used to think dreams were stupid.
キッ
Fight!
I started a new job after that.
not just yourself...
A dream that's about someone else, too.
A dream of supporting someone else...
I wanted that, too.

Hey, hey!
I told everyone Papa Daimon's coming to sports day
Michi-
and they all want to meet you!!
Leave it to me!
I'll beat all those other dads.
Here.
(チリン)
I want.

to make your dream come true, too.
I don't want her to be like me.
I want her
to grow up with dreams.
I feel like I get it now.
"It's tough, but I'm happy."
It's not a bad thing.

It warms my heart
and makes me feel like I can do anything


Pulling something
The first activity
was a race where I had to pull Mii-tan!!
Sports Day

made my legs hurt.
Mii-tan was surprisingly heavy
I was totally out of breath.
But it was fun.
I felt like
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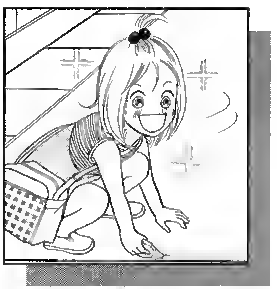
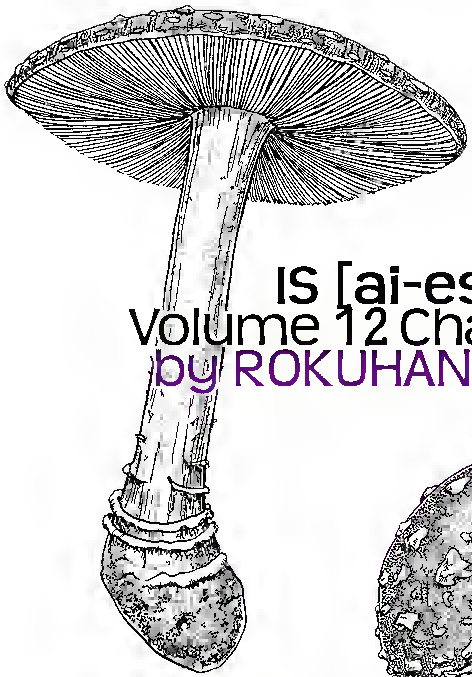
by letting go of my freedom
I'd gained something precious





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Dokukinoko Scanlations

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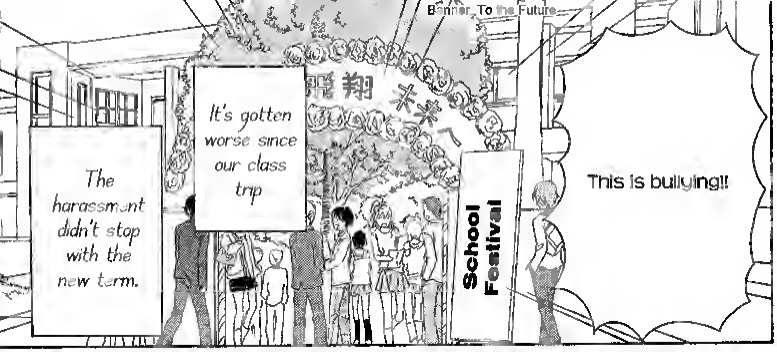
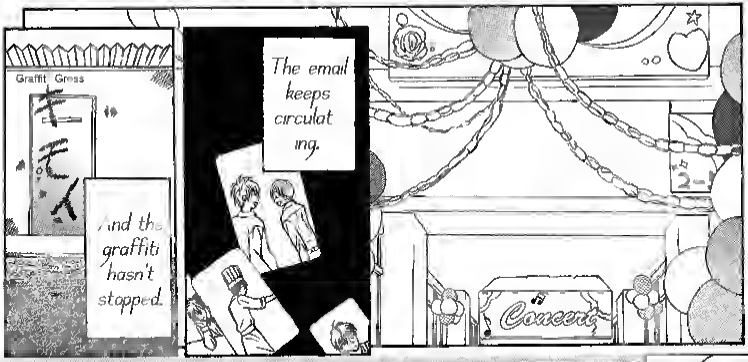
Mafuki
Hoshino
Suzuki
siiiiiigh..
Today I was a maid.
Honestly ...
クス
クス
Hoshino... are you OK with dressing like this?
Of course not. I'm pissed off.
Then...

2-G
Mr. Maid Cafe
Mr. Maid
ゴッ
But...
Don't you get it? This is harassment!
Or something similar...
Other classes are doing it, too...?
Tell them off!
You should say something!!
キレま
But it's different for you, right!?
ゆああ
The maids are fighting!
Th...


The harassment didn't stop with the new term.
It's gotten worse since our class trip
School Festival
This is bullying!!


Graffiti Gress
And the graffiti hasn't stopped.
The email keeps circulating.
2-
Concert

I think Hoshino-san and them should be the maids!
わーさんせー
Yeah! Me too!
And next thing I knew, I was one of the maids...

OK!
I want the boys to do a maid cafe.
Next thing I knew, it was Mr. Maid Cafe

You're gonna find tacks, soon.
In my shoes?
And then someone'll write "die" on your desk
and you'll get splashed with water in the restroom.
Hahaha
Sigh ...

It'll take more than this to knock us down.

Smile
Smile

With our combined power
we're invincible fighters.

Let's be open
about this

But

Oh...!
Please stop it!
Someday everyone will understand...
I just have to keep fighting until then.

Huh?
I'm the only maid this afternoon?
Please!!
...But apparently they didn't like that...

Tell them off!!
.....
Please!
We've already got a ton of customers.
Sorry, but something came up.
The girls started to attack in earnest.
Came up...?
But I can't do it alone...
We'll help out.
No...
Hurry and put on your makeup!
Um... but...
We'll call some more boys.
Go on!! Say, "Welcome, master".

Why?
It's all students from other schools.
Huh...?
.....
!?
Go on, go!!

Wow ...
That's Hoshino Haru?
"Don't cry."
Smile...
W...
Wha ?

Welcome, master
That's totally a girl.
How's that a male student?
We'll take 2 cake sets.
Coming right up, master.
2 cake se-

Do it yourself!
Wha...
What a dirty trick!!
Ma!! We're waiting

Sorry to keep you waiting!
the individual attacks
Smile
Girls are so under-handed.
ジャー
ガチャッ
Damn it!
Then there were
Menu
You're cute!
Turn around
Hurry up!
The overwhelming attacks.
Huh? What?
Hoshi -not
Plus...
Look at this mess.

GR
055
Boys' mah Club
The graffiti.
You'd better clean it up.
It felt like me against the world...
Huh...? But we cleaned that up this morning.
Anyway,
It got on our door, too.
That's a huge "gross".

Why?
I can hear you.
How could that be a guy?
Shh! He can hear you!
So now it's a whispering campaign..
I mean, that skirt really looks good on him.

His body!?
And I heard he's dating another guy.
So is, like, his heart different?
No, I heard his body is different.
Sorry to keep you waiting, master.
That's totally a girl
I told you...
Here you go
He looks like that, but ..down there...
Huh?
Down there!?
カリ
チャ

How...
Oh..
sorry ...
long do I
have to take this...?

カチャ
I'll help.

There's his boyfriend!!
Ibu—
How cute!!
This is a maid cafe, so...
Don't forget
Haru-chan's
so pretty today you've just gotta protect him.
Ibuki!!!!

カリーン
Sorry to keep you waiting, master.
It doesn't matter
Whether he's wearing a skirt or dressed like a guy.
It doesn't change what's inside
Hoshino is Hoshino.

it's only natural
to want to help the person you're dating when they're in trouble.
And I
would do anything
for the person I love.
cafe
カフェ
It's the same for everyone, right?
……
ピク
スチ
...
Order
Huh?

May I take your order?
Master.
Hoshino!
大変だー
Did they make you—
WAH!
What's going on!?
Ibuki's tsundere maid was a big hit.
He's so cool!
Be mine to meeee
May I take your order, master?
As it happened,
Girls filled the room
forcing the guys outside.
I mean, come on
What're you doing?

If you're done eating, then please leave, master.
He's so mean!
Scold me harder!
He's so cute!
He's really a nice guy, you know
Right?
I know that's why
He's embarrassed
Oh, Motoki.
Perfect!
He's popular
The cake sold out!!
And our class was the busiest.

Thanks, Ibuki.
No problem.
It was surprisingly fun.
I can't believe how much a little thing like this can change the way people look at you.
Huh?
When I took off this apron,
I felt so relieved.
It made me realize how hard it must have been for you in first year.
If a girl's apron could make me feel like this

But...
I can't pretend to know how hard you have it because of your body...
If I'm wrong, just tell me, OK?
So I thought maybe you could talk about your problems a little.
It's kind of similar...
even if I can't fully understand,
it'd make me happy.
If talking would make you feel better,
Ibuka

But...
it's hard to know how someone else feels.
I still don't know...
Huh?
The closing ceremony will now begin.
A folk dance, huh...?
dances twice to the same song, they'll be happy.
but they say if a couple
This is really stupid,
Ridiculous, isn't it!?
What kind of magic charm is that?
Ahaha!

Let's dance!!
But...
Since we have the chance...
Maybe we could dance a little...
Do you mind taking the girl's part?
Oh, it's them

Even though everyone'll be watching
there's no way people can ever understand each other 100%
Ay
What's up with folk dancing?
In the end
Just a little!!

To understand how I felt,
But...
even so...
he was trying to get closer to me
to empathize...
He's such a good guy.

It's really warm being this close to someone...
Where our skin touched,
it was like I could feel his kindness directly.
He's on my side.
He's someone
who tries to understand someone who's "different" like me.

Those two...
Um...
Wanna dance with me so everyone's not just focused on Hoshino?
With the roles reversed.
I want to dance with Hirai-chan!
Th, then I'll take the girl's part!
What!?

We held hands in front of everyone.
felt so comfortable.
Touching him
That's twice

ドキ
Let's get out of here.
Tonight is special.

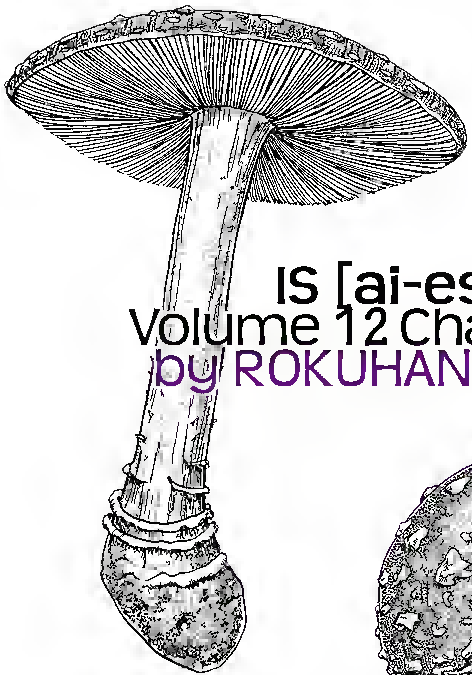
I feel content...
Haha!
Today's been both hard and happy.
That was fun.
In the end, everyone was dancing.
Ibuki...
I want this time to last forever...
I love you...
Shall we go home?
But...
...Guess things are probably winding down...

Oh..
Wa...
Wait
Just a little longer.
Hoshino?
I want to stay here

I don't
want to leave you yet.
Today was fun.
And I'm so happy.
Really happy.
...Wha?
We can't.
Come on, let's go.
It's OK.
I don't mind.
Today...

...Hun?
...It's OK
With you...
ドキン
Tonight

I want to stay like this
forever.
I want to touch you.



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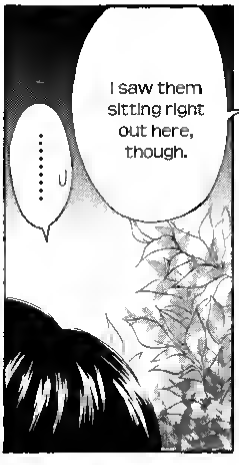
The night of the school festival.
I want to touch you
forever.
It was the first time I ever thought that.

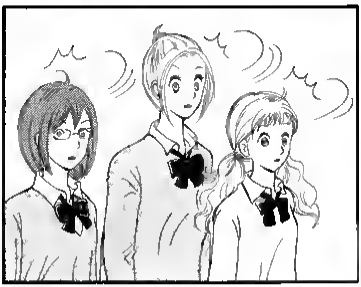
Holding hands in front of everyone,
his warmth felt so good
"Tonight is special"
That's what I thought.
Hoshino ...
ueeeeh

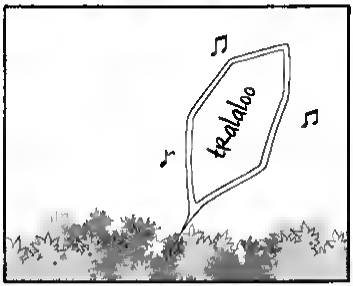
Haru-chan, guess what! We're—
Haru-ch-aaan
Huh?
Oh...

Did you find them!?
That's strange. I thought they were out here...
Hmm...

"All clean".
What!?
It's OK. It can wait till tomorrow.
There!! Mail sent.
!


I saw them sitting right out here, though.
.....U




tsulalee

Haru... chan?
Shh!
Wah!
Ahaha!
You found us.
Naughty!
Eeep! What were you doing in there!?
I wanted to touch him, but we were at school
Oh!! Tsun-dere!
During the festival
Hey, it's them
And we were the center of attention.

はあ
(はあ)
We can take our time here...
And that concludes this year's festival.
And while we were looking
for somewhere to be alone, the festival came to an end.
With the festival over, it was time to say goodbye.

ザワ
ザワ
All students still on campus,
please head home immedi-ately.
Guess we'd better head home.

I don't want to go.
But...
"I want to touch you forever."
Then what?
I don't have the courage to go any further
...All right. Let's go.

!
The graffiti's gone.
Oh... huh?
.....
カチャッ
ALL CLEAN
カコ
カコ
2-B
2-B
WE GOT SOME PAINT.
AND THE 5 OF US REPAINTED

Hoshi...no?
Heh!
Ibuki...
You said it must've been tough for me wearing a skirt during first year, right?
But I'm glad I had that year.
I'm glad I started school as a girl.

If I'd started school as a boy,
I think I would've hated myself.
My differences
would have given me a complex.
It was definitely tough having to dress
like the opposite gender,
but I gained a lot.

Like friends
I could rely on.
Knowing there was something the same about us,
that we felt the same things,
that made me happy...
And I gradually started to accept myself.
And most importantly ...

I met you.
I was happy.
He was always on my side,
always trying to understand me.
"I want to touch you"
I never thought I'd feel like this.
so... um.

I do...
have a complex about my body.
And I'm scared of being touched...
But today... we danced, right?
And when you came back around to me
before the song was over,
I was so happy my heart was racing.

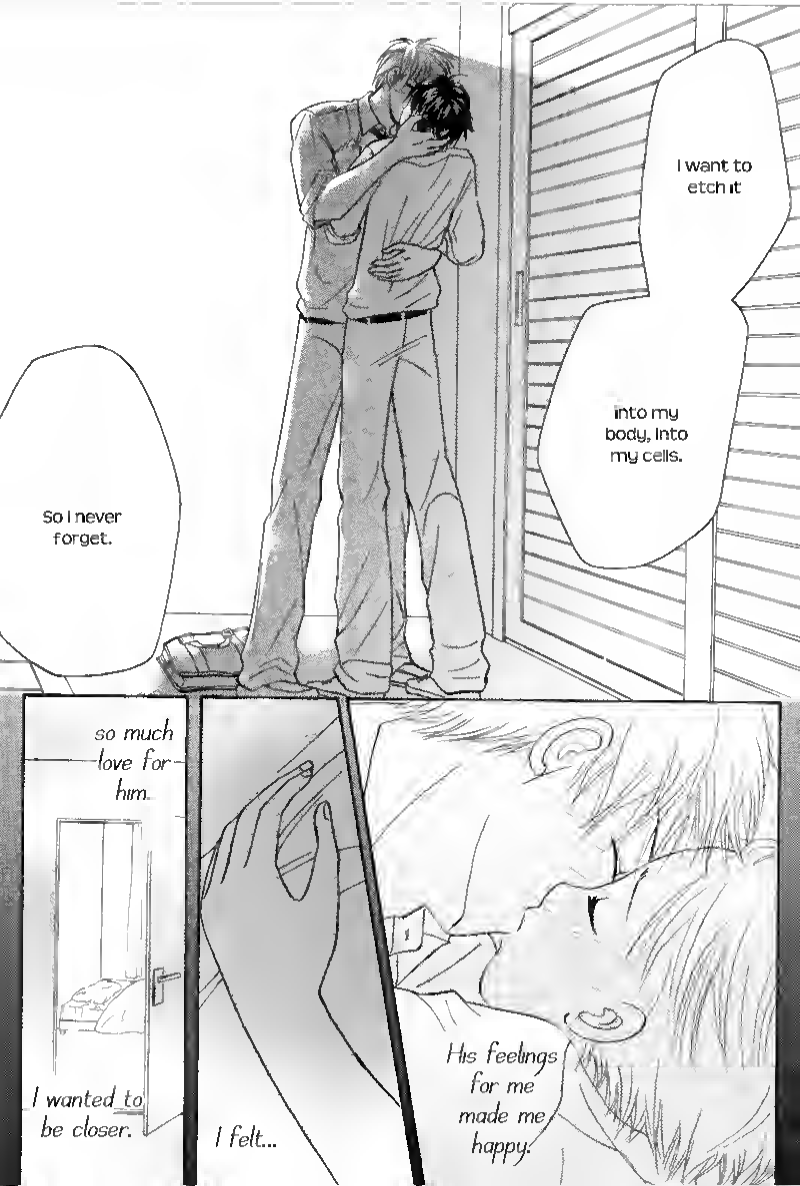
I thought... about what a great guy you are...
And how special you are...
I thought ...

とん
I wouldn't mind being touched...
...If it was by you.

I'm...
...so happy.

Even... If I go to college,
I've wanted to do this for so long.
and we're separated for 4 years...
even if I'm in Tokyo
Ibuki ...?
And even if our feelings grow apart, too...

to ever forget you.
I don't want
so I want us to have
all sorts of first times.


I want to etch it
into my body, into my cells.
So I never forget.
His feelings for me made me happy.
I felt...
I wanted to be closer.
so much love for him.

touch your chest?
Can I...
ピク
Can I touch you more?

I wanted to touch him,
Ah...
Does it feel good to you, too?
Don't ask.
to close the distance between us
To be just like everyone else.
I don't want to do anything you don't want.
I have to.
Ah!

I'm... gonna undress you, OK?
How far could we go?
Would...
letting him see my body

Your T-shirt, too...
.....
destroy this relationship?

But...
he was putting my feelings first.
I could tell he was getting aroused.
はあ
"Your body is wonderful."
I was born with the wrong body
and no matter how many times I was told that, I just couldn't believe it.
I hated my body.
I didn't want anyone to see it.

"I wonder if I'll always be alone," I thought.
I love you.
Why am I here?
wouldn't it be better if I'd never been born?" I thought...
and someday
die alone,
If I
live alone
because the pain of my body is too much
and I never have a family

Huh...?
Even with our clothes on.
This is enough.
You're... so soft.
Ibuki...?

I don't want to force you.
Let's just...
do what makes us both happy.
That's...

how tenderly he loved me
..What's wrong?
I'm really happy right now
You're too kind.
It's tears ...of happi-ness.

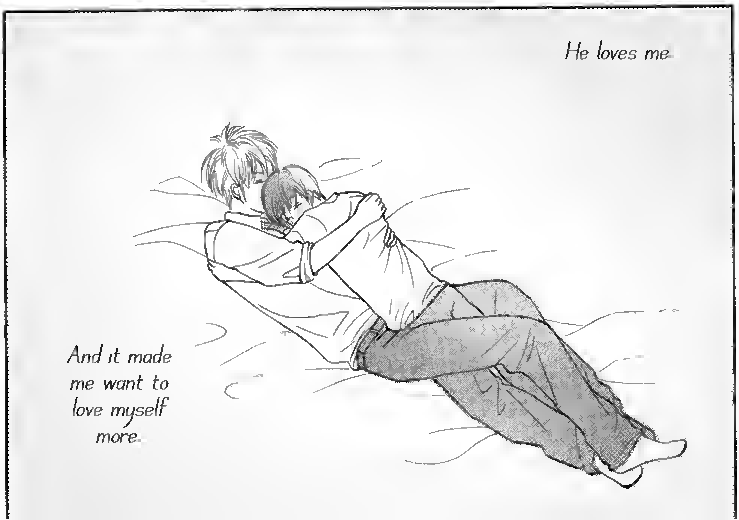
The strength of his embrace
says "I need you".
Thank you, Ibuki.
His tenderness
says "I'm here".
"Haru..."
In my heart, I'd rejected that message so many times.
"Your body is wonderful."

It makes me feel needed.
And like it's OK to be who I am.
But...
being desired makes me happy.
I can relax
in his arms.
I promise
I'll come back.

We'll always be together.
I'm going to be an even stronger person
so that
our paths never diverge.
Here is someone who's always thinking of me...

I felt like
the sorrow hidden deep in my heart
was slowly begining to melt.
I'm glad I met him.
Sorry we have to...
take it so slow.
But..

Now we have our "first time"!
When he held me
I realized how important I am to him.
I am loved...


He loves me.
And it made me want to love myself more.

I hope...
we keep having
more "first times"...

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The day after the festival.
チュン
チュン
チュン
blink
チュン

カリはあ
"Does it feel good to you, too?"
"Ah_!"
……
105!?
105 messages

M... morning.
What happened!? Where are you!?
Tell me where you are!
Haru!?
...I'm...at Ibuki's.
With everyone else?
...No...Just the two of us.

Are you OK?
You're not hurt, are you?
.. I mean ...
Um... no.
I'm OK...
Good...
I'm glad.
...Yeah.
Any way ...
?

And that night, Ibuki and I made out for the first time.
Morning.
Last night after the festival
I stayed out without permission for the first time
Sorry
Please lie next time. These sort of conversations are awkward for me, too.
Morning, Hoshino.
How am I supposed to look at him?
I can't turn around
Ulp

ギュう
Waaah!
I love being able to see you first thing in the morning.
Don't... ask me stuff... like that
I told ...you.
Can I kiss you?
!
It's... embar-rass-ing...
Kissing...

You're not scared anymore?
Of doing this?
Huh...?
Is this OK today, too?
Hugging...
Touching each other through our clothes...
All those little things...
...Yeah.
I'm OK.
For an ordinary couple it might be nothing.
But for us...

It's a huge step.
Morning!
Mor-ning!!
chirp
Morn—
Morning.
zzz

How come you weren't on the train?
Uh... well.
How come you're coming from a totally different direction?
Er...
And ..
how come you're so happy?
Uh... um.
You saw that big graffiti yesterday, right?
Yeah?
Yocchan and them painted over it all.
oh yeah?
Yeah, during the festival.
Look.

Damn, this is worse than yesterday.
But why...?
It was all clean last night.
Anyway,
And so...
... Yeah.
is there still paint leftover?
let's all clean it up together.
.....

But during the break after second period...
Hey, look.
We called the rest of the cake club
and frantically tried to clean it up before school started.
芝ダンス部
Grass-Dancing club
HA HA HA
Yeah, to reach that high...
Definitely guys, right?
Who did this...?

And then...
Paint
The soccer club—
Should I tell a teacher?
Ah!!
There's so many of them, though
It's 'cause of Ibuki

Hoshino!?
It made me sad.
After Yocchan and them
worked so hard to repaint everything—
And these guys
were Ibuki's teammates...
Sure, why not?
You gonna do some more?
カシャ
カシャ
ニュー
Stop it

You're the ones behind all the graffiti, aren't you?
Just stop it, OK?
Hoshi ...
What?
We were just passing by, Haru-chan.
You're imagining things.
Then...

what's that paint?
.....
Guess you got me.
Oh well.
Just try and get rid of this, Hoshino!!
sto—

Don't touch me!!
Hey!
That's going too far!
Shut up, runt!
Motoki!
Wha...?
オロオロ
Hey...
Stop it!
ゆあああぁ

バシャ
What?
Hoshino Haru got in a fight!?
ダーッ
Isn't he usually the quiet type?
I heard he attacked
some guys on the soccer team...
and got his ass kicked.
Well...
Teachers' Lounge
Paint

It's clear that they're the ones at fault here.
And I'll speak to them about the graffiti, too.
So don't worry.
What's up, Hoshino?
Before you would have said "I'm sure they'll understand" and not complained at all...
.....
.....
click

Did you get a good shot?
Perfect
Ugh, those girls!
I want you to stop
doing this sort of thing.
Me and Ibuki...

but we're serious.
Delete?
YES
NO
and maybe you think that's funny,
Well... our relationship may be different
I... hate it.
and I don't want you making fun of them.
These feelings are really important to me

But stop passing those around, OK?
Let's go
Sorry
for deleting your photo.
Unnnh
Hahn
Unnnh
When I was in 5th grade...
my body started changing.
Up until then I'd sort of been the leader
but as I started changing

Grass
I had an inferiority complex.
If I was rejected
I couldn't be sure my body wasn't the reason
I lost confidence in everything.
but I was afraid to show my feelings.
I kept saying It's OK to be different,
"Hoshino Haru is intersex
...*but* he's a good guy."

I thought I had to be extra nice or people wouldn't tolerate me.
That I had to hold it in.
That if I said what I felt,
everyone would leave me.
'Cause...
I'm different.
But...

Why...?
Hoshino!
Now I know I can't think like that anymore..
Is it true you got beat up!?
Are you OK!?

Really?
...Yeah.
Oh.
...You're not hurt.
No.
Uh...
I just got paint on me, that's all.
You look so pale!!
Um...
...Like I said...It's paint...
.....
へナへナ
What a relief..
愛
Love
what're you doing?
I want to be loved, too
Ibuki..

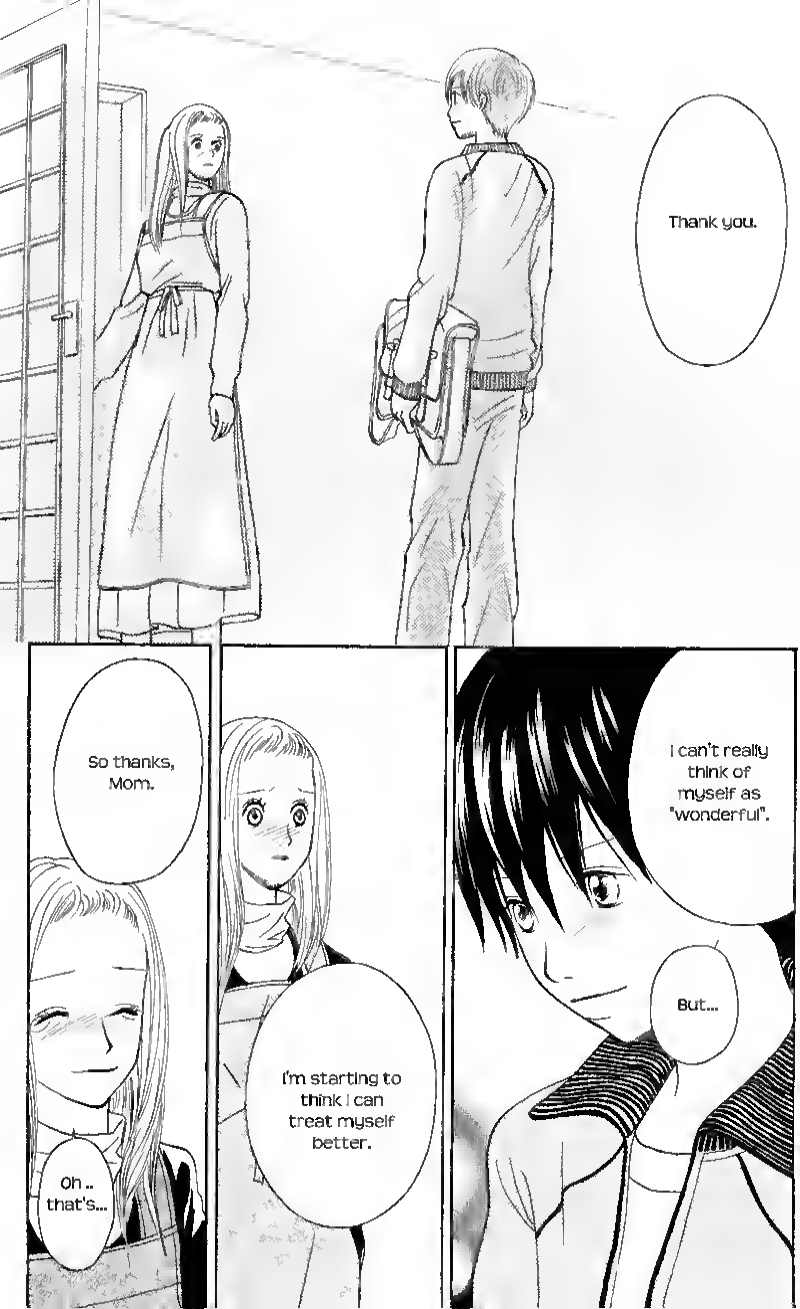
Who's always thinking of me.
Promise you won't do anything rash.
...OK.
Don't go after them alone...
I have someone who gets so worried about me
I can't believe
Squeel
Come on.
Hoshi-no...
I'm OK...so...
with all his heart
Who loves me
you have to tell me.
If anything happens

Ibuki...
Don't worry me like that
Do you know how shocked I was
when I heard you got beat up?
I have to
sorry.
take better care of this body of mine...

カチャ
I'm home!
Welcome back...
...I'm just glad you're happy.
.....?
I made your favorite fried chicken tonight...
Mom.
Thanks.
...Huh?

"Your body is wonderful."
I've... always had trouble
Um...
But... maybe this'll just be awkward again...
accepting my body.
.....
So even when it hurt,
it didn't break me.
were always so proud of me.
But you

I was able to laugh
and to make friends.
Because you accepted all of me,
Because you didn't hide anything from me,
So...
I was able to tell
the person I liked about myself.


Thank you.
I can't really think of myself as "wonderful".
But...
I'm starting to think I can treat myself better.
So thanks, Mom.
Oh.. that's...

When you were born,
you were so tiny.
Your dad and I would say
"Look at Haru drink!!"
so happy just to see you nurse.
And to see you walk...
We were
.....
We've always been proud of your growth.

you're so big.
And now
I'm so glad the boy you like
accepts you.
My mom loves me
more than I could ever imagine.

I'm surrounded by so much love.
I have to be happy
So everyone will keep smiling.
Ibuki...let's stay together forever.

I'll wait for you.
Until you get back.
I won't worry anymore.
I'm gonna believe in happiness.
We'll be together
like this forever.

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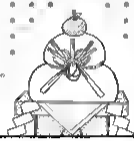
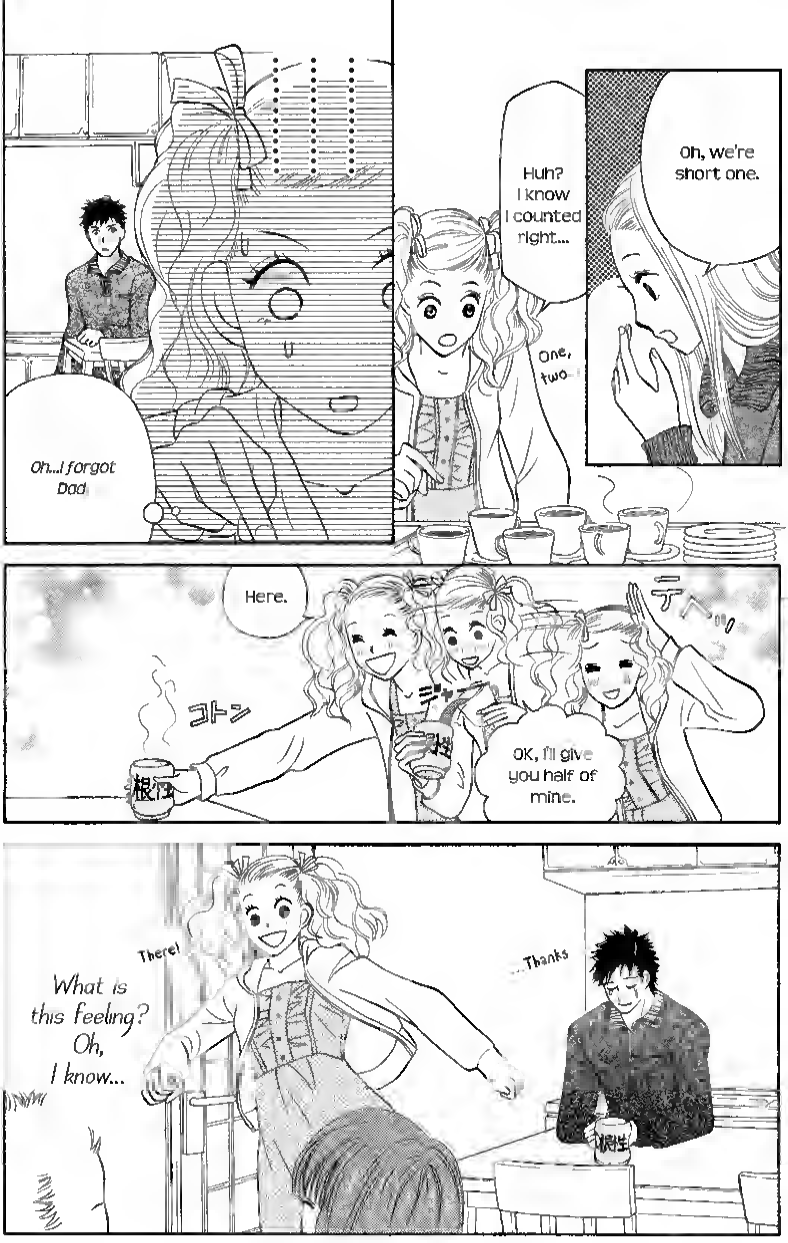


But that's how I've thought of him these 17 years.
……
I mean, I know Haru's not really my son
You won again, Ibuki-kun
Ibuki-kun, you're amazing!
And on New Year's!?
But a boyfriend?
How can you guys act so normal!?
Meeeee!
Who wants tea?


Oh, we're short one.
Huh? I know I counted right...
One, two
Oh...I forgot Dad.
Here.
コトン
OK, I'll give you half of mine.
What is this feeling? Oh, I know...
There!
...Thanks

Something necessary for life,
but that you don't usually notice or feel grateful for
ガーン
Don't wash my underwear with Dad's!
That's it exactly.
I'm so busy!
"Poem"
Worker ants work
carrying food
until they die
(Hoshino Fuyu)
Hm?
Homework
ビュウウ
Just like "air".
Ahahaha!
The worker ant of the Hoshino family

OPEN!
Patissier Royale
Last autumn a charismatic patissier opened up nearby.
ピト
ヒラ
I'm nothing but air...
グシャ
OPEN!
And sales have been down ever since they opened.
午前売上
They totally crushed me in the Christmas wars.
Family...
Work's got me down and things at home aren't helping.
You should recycle paper!
S, sorry
Oh!

A wife... What are they for...?
ボス
いそ
いそ
Huh?
Hey.
What's the futon for?
For Ibuki.
He's staying over?
In whose room?
In Haru's.
Of course.

I mean, as his parents...
Oh, come on.
It's a bit late for that now-.
Hey ...
Do you really think that's a good idea?
Why not? He's stayed over before.
Things are different now-
A BIT LATE?
Uh
What!?
What do you mean?
Do they have that sort of relationship already?
What sort of relationship?
Phy-sical?

Anyway!
I'm against it.
What!?
Why!?
You made me say it!
Don't act like I'm a pervert or something
THAT'S FILTHY!
Ibuki-kun and Haru dating!!
I won't accept
gasp!

But being a father is complicated...
PRACTICING AN APOLOGY
Sorry.
...Well.
Um...
it's not that I have anything against you personally, Ibuki-kun...
Hahaha
For what, Ibuki-kun?
For coming over on New Year's.
But Hoshino invited me...

And I was kinda feeling down...
'Cause I'm transferring to a new school at the end of January.
...Huh?
...Why?
This is so sudden...
.....
I...
haven't told Hoshino yet...

Why do I have to change schools!?
It seems you're quite famous around here.
You've been dating
a girl who dresses like a boy.
not to have anything to do with those who cannot fulfill society's expecta-tions ..
I thought I told you
.....

After the new year,
But!
you will go to Tokyo for the entrance exam.
Then in February you can move into the dorms.
In March
Every-thing's taken care of.
this house will be knocked down
Disobedient children
must be punished.
That is discipline.
...kun.

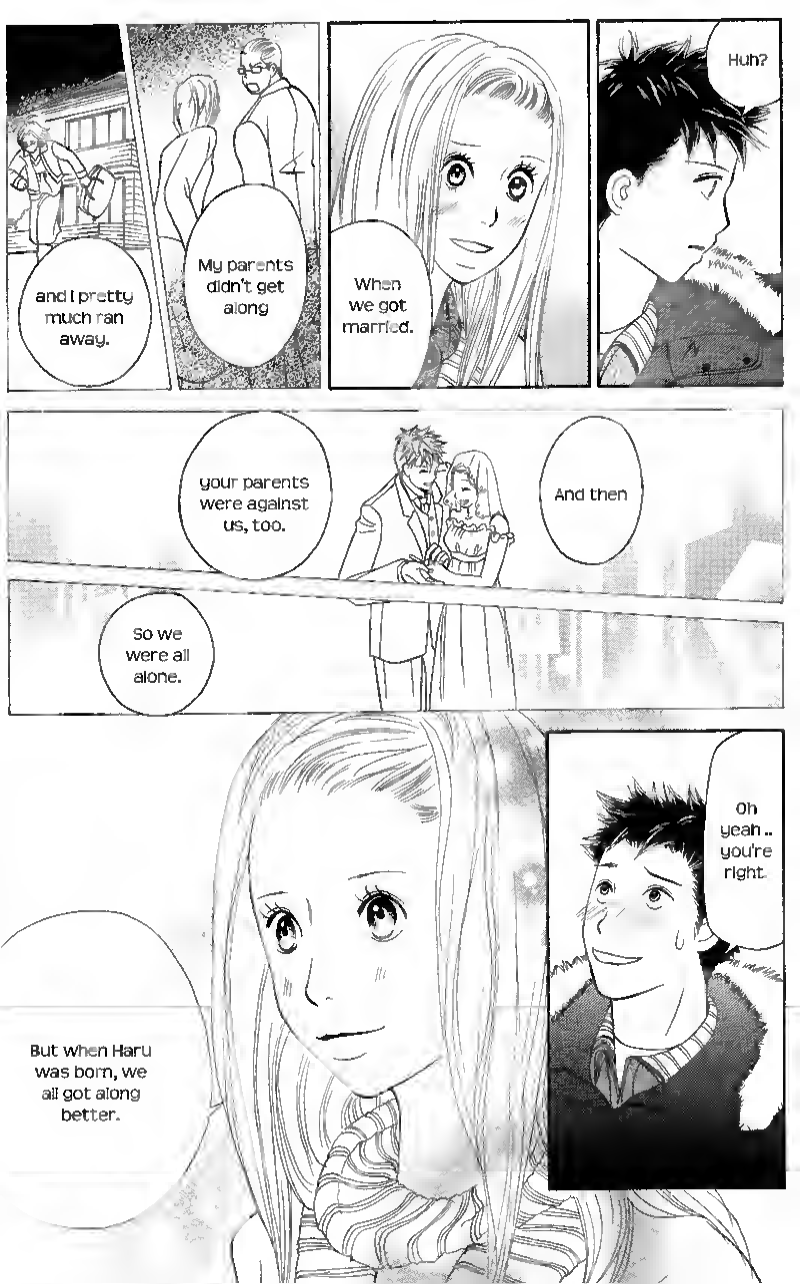
Then did he get a new job?
...No.
.....
Ibuki-kun?
Huh?
Is your dad getting transferred or something?
Is he getting remarried?
Did your dad
also say "I won't accept you two dating!"?
Oh, I've got it.
Huh?

.....
Really?
No...
Huh...?
I'm out of cigarettes. Sorry, I've gotta go buy some more.
You go inside, Ibuki-kun.

Damn it!
What did Haru do to deserve this?
I mean, I know I'm conflicted myself but...

You can't just...
force them to break up.
Weren't you against them dating?

Haru...must be sad...
...I see.
himself better...
he's realized
Haru said
he needs to treat
Just like it was for us
So everyone's against them, huh?


and I pretty much ran away.
My parents didn't get along
When we got married.
Huh?
So we were all alone.
your parents were against us, too.
And then
But when Haru was born, we all got along better.
Oh yeah.. you're right.

He's such an amazing kid.
Haru's...
This peace we have now is because of Haru...
what brings us all together.
They'll...be happy, won't they?

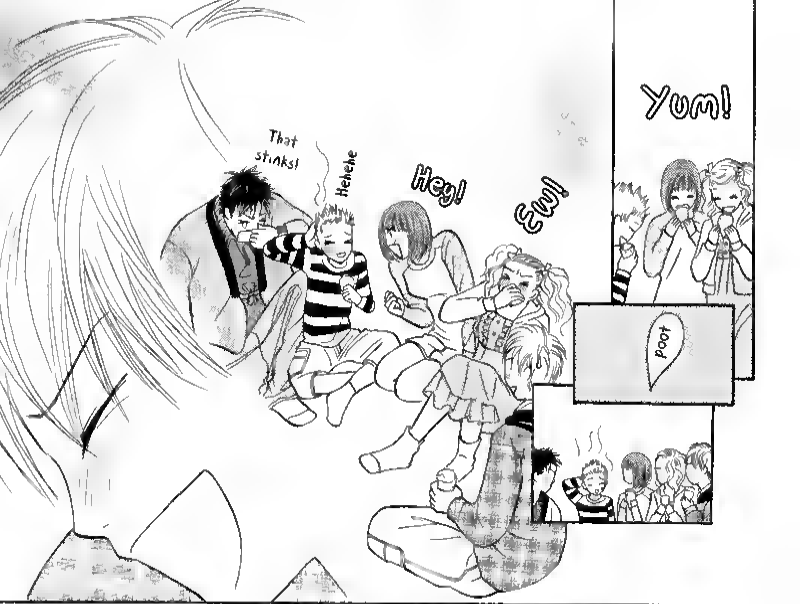
together
they'll be happy.
きゅっ
I'm sure
じゃ
Hey, Ibuki-kun, want a potato?
……

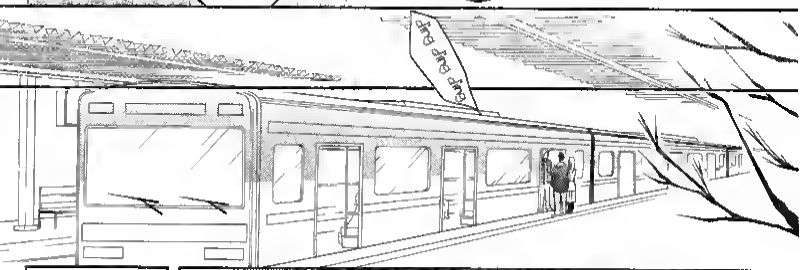
It's hot.
!?
Oh!
Ahaha, sorry!!
I've got thick skin! From work, you know
ボトッ
じゅっ
So about Tokyo...
If you've gotta go...
don't be down about it.
.....
I mean...

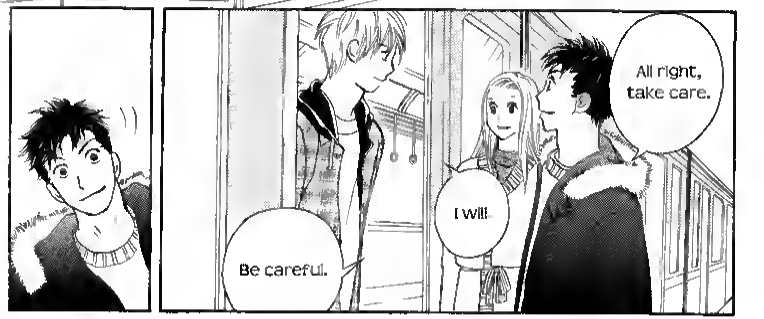
You're not being forced to go.
This is to protect the one you love...to get stronger. You'll be saying "I'll be back".
It's a man's job
to protect his home from outside.
So think of this as training.
Have some butter
Give it all you've got.
Haru will be OK.
.....

He's got his own dreams, too.
フーフ
So become a better man
and if he still says he loves you,
then you can be together.
……
And I'll support you.
You'll probably go through a lot,
but as long as you've got love, you'll be OK!!

We're proof of that.
So...
just do your best.
Eat up!
Oh, potatoes! ♡


Yum!
Poof
That stinks!
Hehehe
Hey!
Ew!


Chug chug chug


All right, take care.
I will.
Be careful.

Hoshino.
did this happen?
Spend the 3rd with Ibuki kun!!
How...
プシュー
You, too, Haru.
Want to go see my mom?
Kenji...

What are you doing here...on New Year's?
And Hoshino-san, too.
Um just to say hi...
And to make cake?
I guess?
Mom, I'm gonna help Hoshino.
Sure, sure
Oh Sorryyyy
I'll...
.....

be going to Tokyo in February.
And I won't be coming back for 5 years.

Kenji?
I'm not going because Dad told me to.
It's my decision.
Why ...?
After visiting your family, I realised...
It was so warm
and they all accepted me ..
I thought it was perfect.

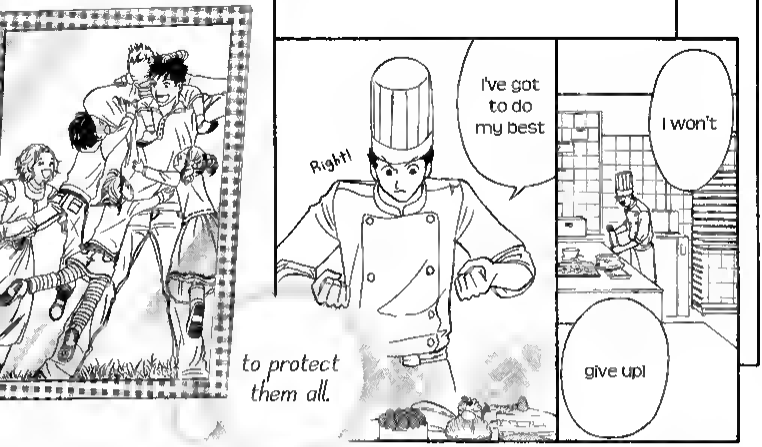
And I...
want to create that sort of place, too.
With my sister there
and Mom by her side.
It'd be so lively
and relaxing.

It'd be the one place in the world
where I can just be myself.
I'm sure this sort of family
is what you've dreamed of, too, Mom...
If only
I hadn't...

run away from my sister that day.
Kenji, don't say that...
That's what I wanted, too.
What I've always wished for.
I used to think how great it would be if my family could all laugh together.
That's why...
I'm going

I destroyed it,
so I want to rebuild it with my own hands.
From the beginning.

So wait for me.
I promise I'll be back.
To keep protecting you all...
I swear.



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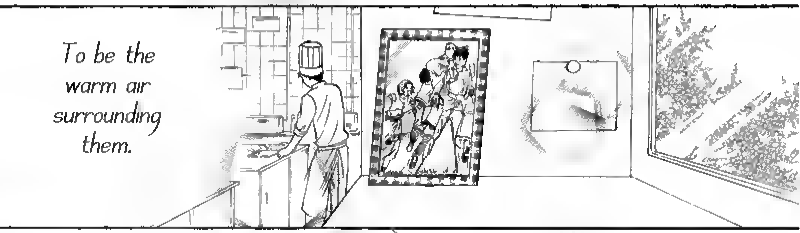

To be the warm air surrounding them.

So they can all keep smiling.

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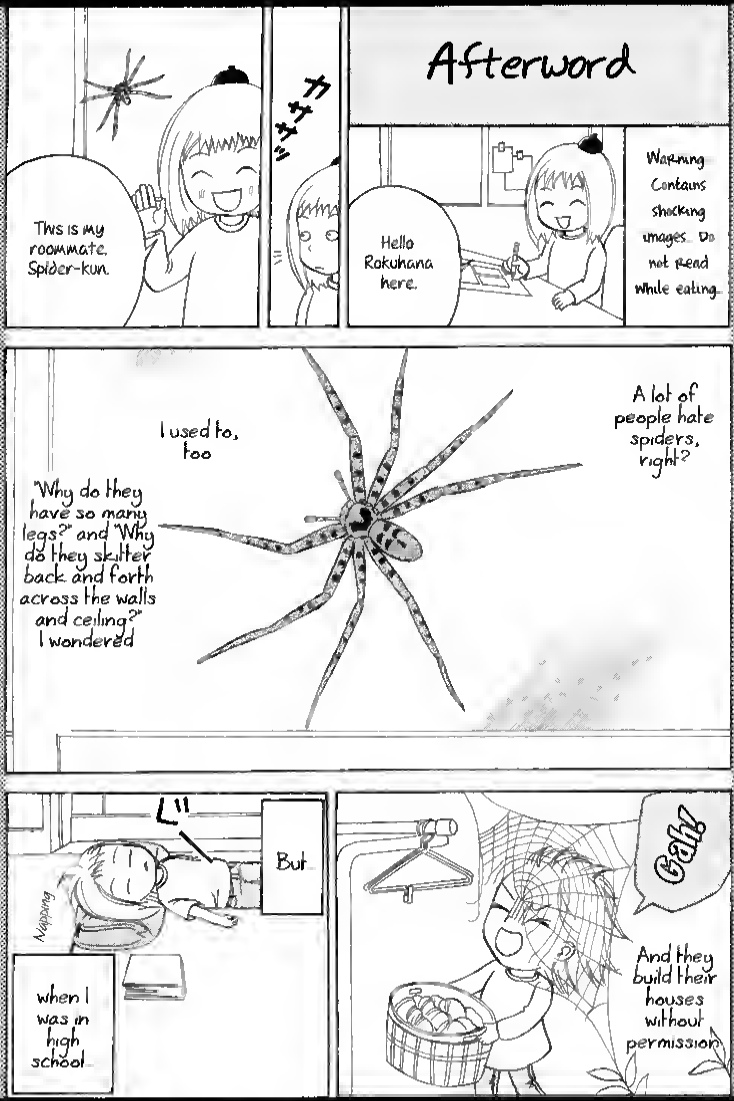
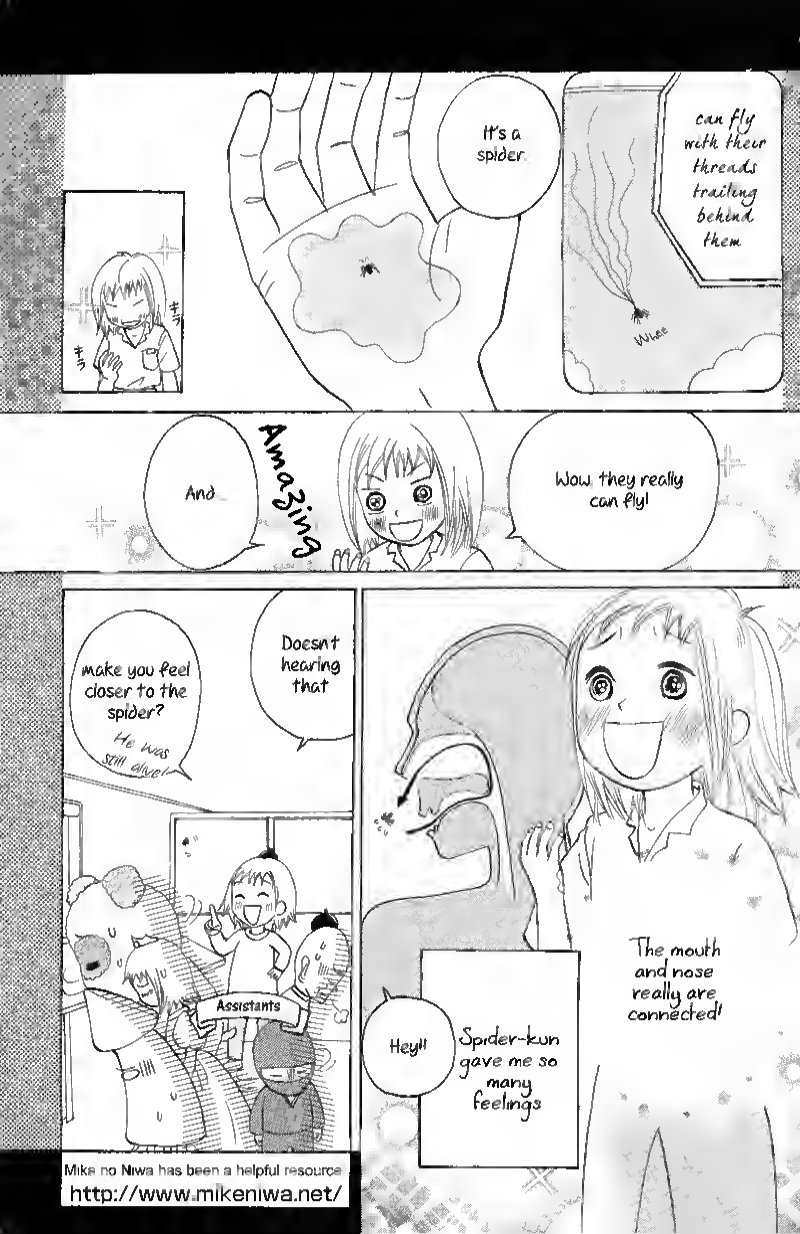

This is my roommate. Spider-kun.
Afterword
Hello Rokuhana here.
Warning Contains shocking images. Do not read while eating.
A lot of people hate spiders, right?
I used to, too
"Why do they have so many legs?" and "Why do they skitter back and forth across the walls and ceiling?" I wondered
But
when I was in high school
Gah!
And they build their houses without permission

パシッ
GET
Spider-kun
Fly
Huh?
WOW!
Spider-kun just caught that fly for me like it was nothing
Even though he built his house without permission
Gah!
After that, I started to see him in a different light
Oh no! This is terrible!

じ——ん
S, sorry.
There we go
ぶら
There we go
REPAIRING
……
ピュー
クルルルル
QUICK
ズル
Done

Gasp!
Ladidaa~
boopadoop
And this was the final blow
I was riding home without a care in the world, singing a song
S, something flew in my mouth...
Achoo!
ah!
ah!
Gasp!
WATCHING TV YESTERDAY
Small spiders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It's a spider
can fly with their threads trailing behind them
Wuhee
Wow they really can fly!
Amazing
And
Hey!!
Spider-kun gave me so many feelings
The mouth and nose really are connected!
Doesn't hearing that
make you feel closer to the spider?
He was still alive!
Assistants
Mike no Niwa has been a helpful resource
http://www.mikeniwa.net/